1. The Yugoslav General Staff has entrusted the Yugoslav River Enterprise with the construction of new fortifications on the Dalmatian Islands. In March 1951 cement, iron and wood were transported from Sibenik, Yugoslavia, to the Islands of Uljan, Sestrumj, and Dugi Otok. The construction materials were transported on behalf of the River Enterprise. Similar fortifications were noted on other islands (unspecified) along the route from Sibenik to the Zadarski Canal.

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- 2. Up to March 1951, no artillery had been placed on the above-mentioned islands. Peasants and fishermen from the area are employed on the construction work, and the garrisons are composed of sailors. The islands have many observation stations which operate especially at night.
- 3. A radio transmitting and receiving station, serviced by six sailors and a radio non-commissioned officer, has been mounted at the lighthouse located at Rovinj in Zone B. The radio station seems to have been set up for temporary service, possibly for anti-landing maneuvers. At the base of the lighthouse reef, there are four well-camouflaged gun emplacements.
- 4. The fortifications on the Island of Korcula (170 10 E 420 58 N) are being reinforced. A shippard south of the city of Korcula is engaged in construction for maritime defense. The channel between the Island of Korcula and the Peljesac Peninsula has been made impassable by an upended anchor.
- 5. A powerful radio station has been installed on the Island of Hvar at Padonna della Salute (a). The construction of underground fortifications at the city of Hvar is being supplemented by the preparation of seaplane and submarine bases. No one is allowed access to or is permitted to leave the island without special authorization from the Yugoslav authorities. A large factory for the repair of machinery, employing approximately one hundred technicians brought from other parts of Yugoslavia, has been built at the port of Sueuraj.

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